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1. ON TV PROGRAM DECEMBER 13 MIKHAIL KAPITSA, CHIEF OF THE SOVIET MFA'S FIRST FAR EAST DIVISION, REFERRED TO THREE SOVIET CITIZENS CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED BY THE CHINESE. SOVIET SINOLOGIST IGOR ROGACHEV (NOW WITH THE MFA POLICY PLANNING DIVISION) TOLD POLTICIAL COUNSELOR DECEMBER 16 THAT KAPITSA WAS NOT REFERRING TO THE HELICOPTER CREW, BUT TO THREE INDIVIDUAL CASES OF SOVIET CITIZENS WHO WANDERED OVER THE BORDER AND WERE CAPTURED BY THE CHINESE. ALL THREE INCIDENTS OCCURRED "SEVERAL YEARS AGO," ONE OF THEM AS EARLY AS 1971, SAID ROGACHEV.

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2. COMMENT: KAPITSA'S REFERENCE IS FIRST WE HAVE	
HEARD OF THESE THREE ADDITIONAL SOVIETS DETAINED B	Y
CHINESE. WOULD WELCOME FURTHER DETAILS, IF KNOWN,	
FROM ADDRESSEES.	
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